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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT SUSTAINS OVER-THE-MONTH DECLINE: Total employment in North Carolina was estimated to be 2,695,400 in mid-January, 1984, a decline of 39,600 from the mid-December, 1983 estimate (-1.4 percent). All three of the main employment sectors experienced losses over the month. The smallest net loss occurred in agriculture, which fell seasonally by 3,000 workers (-7.0 percent). "All other" nonagricultural employment decreased by 8,100 persons (-2.7 percent). The largest net monthly employment loss took place in nonagricultural wage and salary employment, which declined by 28,500 workers (-1.2 percent) from mid-December, 1983, to mid-January, 1984.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS SLIGHTLY: In mid-January, 1984, North Carolina's manufacturing employment stood at 806,600, a net over-the-month decrease of 1,800 workers (-0.2 percent). The durable goods segment accounted for 700 of that loss with the following industry groups registering the largest declines: lumber and wood, -400 (due to a reduction in business and the bitter cold weather); stone, clay, and glass, -300 (due to the bitter cold); and nonelectrical machinery, -300 (due to the layoff of workers hired for temporary jobs). The largest employment gains occurred in transportation equipment and "other" durable goods, each rising by 200 over the month. Employment in the nondurable goods segment decreased by 1,100 from mid-December of mid-January. Textile mill products sustained the largest net monthly reduction, falling by 500 workers due to scattered layoffs. Following that was food and kindred products, down by 400 over the month. The only gain in nondurable goods took place in rubber and miscellaneous plastic products, up by 200 in January of this year.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT REGISTERS SHARP DROP: Statewide nonmanufacturing employment fell by 35,700 persons (-2.1 percent) from mid-December, 1983, to mid-January, 1984. The January estimate was 1,631,700. All seven of the nonmanufacturing industry groups suffered monthly losses, with five being rather large: trade, -14,600; government, -8,600; construction, -6,900; service and miscellaneous, -3,300; and transportation, communications, and public utilities, -2,000. Most of those declines were seasonal in nature.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TOP ONE YEAR AGO: From January, 1983, to January, 1984, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in North Carolina added 88,900 workers (+3.9 percent). Manufacturing increased by 40,000 (+5.2 percent) as several industry groups experienced strong growth: textiles, +9,900; electrical machinery, +5,800; furniture and fixtures, +4,600; apparel and related products, +3,700; and nonelectrical machinery, +3,600. Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector was also well ahead of last year's total (+70,900 or +4.5 percent) as all industry groups except mining showed impressive increases: trade, +31,000; construction, +13,100; government, +11,400; service and miscellaneous, +8,300; finance, insurance, and real estate, +4,400; and transportation, communications, and public utilities, +2,700.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY: North Carolina's total unemployment was estimated at 236,800 in mid-January, 1984 - a net over-the-month jump of 36,300 people (+18.1 percent). Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment in the State rose from 6.8 percent in December, 1983, to 8.1 percent in January of this year. In January, 1983, there were 315,000 persons out of work

and the unemployment rate was 10.8 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.8 percent in January, 1984, 8.0 percent in December, 1983, and 11.4 percent twelve months ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.0 percent this January, 8.2 percent in December, and 10.4 percent in January of 1983.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

January, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
	January 2/ 1984	December 1983	January 1983	December, 1983		January, 1983	
				Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,932,200	2,935,500	2,904,800	- 3,300	- 0.1	+ 27,400	+ 0.9
Employment, Total	2,695,400	2,735,000	2,589,800	-39,600	- 1.4	+105,600	+ 4.1
Agricultural Employment	39,800	42,800	42,800	- 3,000	- 7.0	- 3,000	- 7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,364,900	2,393,400	2,276,000	-28,500	- 1.2	+ 88,900	+ 3.9
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	290,700	298,800	271,000	- 8,100	- 2.7	+ 19,700	+ 7.3
Unemployment, Total	236,800	200,500	315,000	+36,300	+18.1	- 78,200	-24.8
State Unadjusted Rate	8.1	6.8	10.8	+ 1.3	XXX	- 2.7	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.8	8.0	11.4	+ 0.8	XXX	- 2.6	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	8.0	8.2	10.4	- 0.2	XXX	- 2.4	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.

4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

HOURLY EARNINGS RISE WHILE HOURS WORKED FALL: From the middle of December, 1983, to the middle of January, 1984, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by 6¢ an hour (+0.9 percent) to $6.89. Furthermore, that was a net over-the-year gain of 31¢ an hour (+4.7 percent). The durable goods segment remained constant at $7.10 in January of this year but did enjoy a net yearly increase of 36¢ an hour (+5.3 percent). Stone, clay, and glass was the durable goods industry group that experienced the largest net over-the-month increase, rising by 13¢ an hour (+1.7 percent) to hit $7.64 in January. That was followed by electrical machinery, which increased by 5¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) over the month to reach $8.35. The nondurable goods segment experienced a good net monthly gain of 10¢ an hour (+1.5 percent) for a January, 1984, average of $6.77. Also, that average represented a net over-the-year increase of 28¢ an hour (+4.3 percent). The nondurable goods industry group which exhibited the largest net monthly jump was tobacco, climbing by 52¢ an hour (+4.7 percent) to $11.65. That dramatic increase was primarily due to the seasonal layoff of 500 lower paid stemming and redrying workers. Textiles was a distant second with a net over-the-month gain of 12¢ an hour (+2.0 percent) to average $6.24 in January, 1984. From mid-December, 1983, to mid-January, 1984, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers fell by $6.51 (-2.3 percent) to average $272.84, due to a drop in average weekly hours. Over the year, an increase of $20.83 (+8.3 percent) was seen. Average weekly hours fell by 1.3 to 39.6 from December, 1983, to January, 1984. The current level is 1.3 hours above one year ago, however.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES OVER THE MONTH: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers advanced to 305.2 in January, 1984, according to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That figure represented an over-the-month gain of 0.6 percent and an over-the-year increase of 4.1 percent. Once again food and beverages exhibited the largest monthly climb, surging ahead by 1.8 percent. The cost of medical care followed, up by 0.9 percent over the month. Next came "other" goods and services with a monthly increase of 0.6 percent. On the other hand, apparel and upkeep experienced a rather large decrease of 1.5 percent. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to 32.8¢ in January, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS: As of January 31, 1984, there were 158,937 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That was a net over-the-month increase of 4,910 people (+3.2 percent). The largest applicant sector by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine with 98,655 or 62.0 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four year olds were next with a count of 27,752 or 17.5 percent. The smallest applicant segment by age was fifty-five and over with 9,173 on only 5.8 percent of the total. Females made up 49.5 percent of the total and numbered 78,736. Blacks who were not Hispanic comprised 39.4 percent of the total with a total of 62,554. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of January 31, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE
January 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	158,937	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	23,357	14.7
22-39	98,655	62.0
40-54	27,752	17.5
55 and Over	9,173	5.8
Sex		
Male	80,201	50.5
Female	78,736	49.5
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	92,910	58.4
Black, not Hispanic	62,554	39.4
Hispanic	635	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	1,999	1.3
Other Races and Undetermined	839	0.5
Eligible Claimant	70,727	44.5
Veteran	27,252	17.1
Handicapped	10,023	6.3
Welfare	17,966	11.3
Seasonal Farmworker	1,262	0.8

JOB OPENINGS INCREASE OVER THE MONTH: During the month of January, 1984, there were 13,320 job openings received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, a net monthly increase of 838 jobs (+6.7 percent). Most of those openings were filled (9,970 or 74.8 percent). The service category had the largest number of job openings received in January with 2,127. A high number was filled (1,699 or 79.9 percent). Next came the clerical sector with 2,035 job openings received and 1,251 or 61.5 percent filled. Structural work followed with 1,841 openings received in January of this year and 1,441 or 78.3 percent filled. Again the group with the lowest number of job openings received was processing with just 417, but the vast majority of those was filled (396 or 95.0 percent). There were 64,134 job openings received by the Job Service offices across the State from October 1, 1983, through January 31, 1984. A good percentage of those was filled (81.8 percent or 52,475). There were 9,088 unfilled non-agricultural job openings on file as of January 31, 1984. Most of those jobs (5,189 or 57.1 percent) were classified as hard-to-fill because they had been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on job openings in the State for January, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	January, 1984		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Jan. 31, 1984	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	757	335	2,963	1,334	1,075	644
Clerical	2,035	1,251	7,622	5,044	1,309	612
Sales	550	325	3,043	2,169	536	314
Service	2,127	1,699	9,191	7,314	1,425	852
Domestic	139	119	852	756	46	29
Other Services	1,988	1,580	8,339	6,558	1,379	823
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	723	716	11,002	10,892	115	38
Processing	417	396	2,323	2,233	290	212
Machine Trades	1,449	1,023	5,174	3,941	1,012	529
Bench Work	1,739	1,419	6,562	5,903	1,238	831
Structural Work	1,841	1,441	8,439	6,647	1,349	833
Miscellaneous	1,682	1,365	7,815	6,998	739	324
Motor Freight & Transp.	361	259	1,600	1,173	218	84
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	1,284	1,075	5,990	5,667	483	213
Other	37	31	225	158	38	27
Total	13,320	9,970	64,134	52,475	9,088	5,189

1/ October 1, 1983, through January 31, 1984.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984 (Thous)	December 1983 (Thous)	January 1983 (Thous)	December 1983	January 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,438.3	2,475.8	2,327.4	- 1.5	+ 4.8
MANUFACTURING	806.6	808.4	766.6	- 0.2	+ 5.2
DURABLE GOODS	310.5	311.2	286.3	- 0.2	+ 8.5
Lumber & Wood Products	35.1	35.5	32.3	- 1.1	+ 8.7
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.2	11.9	- 0.8	+10.1
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.6	8.6	7.7	0	+11.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.7	3.9	3.1	- 5.1	+19.4
Furniture & Fixtures	82.4	82.4	77.8	0	+ 5.9
Household Furniture	73.5	73.6	69.5	- 0.1	+ 5.8
Wood Household Furniture	37.3	37.4	35.0	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.0	31.0	28.9	0	+ 7.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.8	18.1	15.4	- 1.7	+15.6
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.5	1.7	- 8.0	+35.3
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.6	4.8	4.2	- 4.2	+ 9.5
Primary Metal Industries	9.6	9.7	8.6	- 1.0	+11.6
Fabricated Metal Products	24.1	24.0	23.5	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.2	8.0	0	- 7.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.8	52.1	48.2	- 0.6	+ 7.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.9	8.0	7.0	- 1.3	+12.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	56.3	56.4	50.5	- 0.2	+11.5
Household Appliances	5.5	5.8	3.9	- 5.2	+41.0
Transportation Equipment	18.5	18.3	15.8	+ 1.1	+17.1
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.7	14.2	+ 1.4	+ 4.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	496.1	497.2	480.3	- 0.2	+ 3.3
Food & Kindred Products	43.0	43.4	42.5	- 0.9	+ 1.2
Meat Products	16.7	16.9	16.6	- 1.2	+ 0.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 3.8	- 3.8
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 4.0	0
Bakery Products	7.9	8.0	7.8	- 1.3	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.5	6.6	6.5	- 1.5	0
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	23.0	25.0	- 1.3	- 9.2
Cigarettes	18.6	18.4	19.6	+ 1.1	- 5.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.4	3.9	4.6	-12.8	-26.1
Textile Mill Products	227.1	227.6	217.2	- 0.2	+ 4.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	63.8	6.38	62.6	0	+ 1.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.4	34.2	34.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.2	29.4	28.3	- 0.7	+ 3.2
Knitting Mills	80.5	80.8	74.4	- 0.4	+ 8.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.2	24.0	21.1	+ 0.8	+14.7
Hosiery, NEC	22.6	22.5	21.3	+ 0.4	+ 6.1
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.1	15.3	14.1	- 1.3	+ 7.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.0	7.1	6.1	- 1.4	+14.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.6	14.6	14.1	0	+ 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.1	55.3	53.2	- 0.4	+ 3.6

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984 (Thous)	December 1983 (Thous)	January 1983 (Thous)	December 1983	January 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	87.3	87.4	83.6	- 0.1	+ 4.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.5	27.3	27.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	41.4	41.6	39.3	- 0.5	+ 5.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.4	22.4	22.1	0	+ 1.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	11.0	- 0.9	- 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.2	6.7	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Printing & Publishing	23.3	23.3	22.4	0	+ 4.0
Newspapers	8.9	8.8	8.3	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.7	37.7	37.4	0	+ 0.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.9	13.8	- 0.7	0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	27.2	27.0	24.5	+ 0.7	+11.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.4	5.6	0	- 3.6
NONMANUFACTURING	1,631.7	1,667.4	1,560.8	- 2.1	+ 4.5
MINING	4.2	4.4	4.2	- 4.5	0
CONSTRUCTION	112.4	119.3	99.3	- 5.8	+13.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	119.9	121.9	117.2	- 1.6	+ 2.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	59.9	61.9	57.0	- 3.2	+ 5.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.9	54.9	54.9	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	515.6	530.2	484.6	- 2.8	+ 6.4
Wholesale Trade	120.5	121.0	117.3	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	71.6	71.5	68.3	+ 0.1	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	48.9	49.5	49.0	- 1.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	395.1	409.2	367.3	- 3.4	+ 7.6
General Merchandise Stores	55.4	62.3	53.3	-11.1	+ 3.9
Variety Stores	12.6	13.1	10.9	- 3.8	+15.6
Food Stores	64.8	65.8	62.6	- 1.5	+ 3.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	102.0	102.1	97.6	- 0.1	+ 4.5
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	362.2	365.5	353.9	- 0.9	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	19.0	20.0	17.9	- 5.0	+ 6.1
Personal Services	24.3	23.2	23.7	+ 4.7	+ 2.5
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	415.4	424.0	404.0	- 2.0	+ 2.8
Federal	50.2	50.2	48.8	0	+ 2.9
State	118.9	126.4	114.8	- 5.9	+ 3.6
Education	61.3	68.7	57.1	-10.8	+ 7.4
Other	57.6	57.7	59.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Local	246.3	247.4	240.4	- 0.4	+ 2.5
Education	136.8	137.6	133.5	- 0.6	+ 2.5
Other	109.5	109.8	106.9	- 0.3	+ 2.4

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984

(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984 (thous.)	December 1983 (thous.)	January 1983 (thous.)	December 1983	January 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,466.7	2,453.3	2,357.3	+ 0.5	+ 4.6
MANUFACTURING	811.0	806.0	800.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
DURABLE GOODS	311.6	309.1	301.9	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Lumber & Wood Products	35.9	35.4	31.2	+ 1.4	+ 15.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.4	13.2	11.9	+ 1.5	+ 12.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.7	8.6	7.3	+ 1.2	+ 19.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.9	3.9	3.1	0	+ 25.8
Furniture & Fixtures	81.7	81.3	81.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Household Furniture	72.8	72.6	72.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Wood Household Furniture	37.0	36.9	38.2	+ 0.3	- 3.1
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.9	30.7	29.7	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.1	18.1	16.9	0	+ 7.1
Structural Clay Products	2.4	2.5	1.7	- 4.0	+ 41.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.4	0	+ 9.1
Primary Metal Industries	9.7	9.6	9.0	+ 1.0	+ 7.8
Fabricated Metal Products	24.1	23.6	26.5	+ 2.1	- 9.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.1	10.4	+ 1.2	- 21.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.5	51.4	50.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.9	7.8	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	56.8	56.3	55.3	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Household Appliances	5.9	5.5	4.7	+ 7.3	+ 25.5
Transportation Equipment	18.7	18.6	16.1	+ 0.5	+ 6.2
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.0	14.8	14.9	+ 1.4	+ 0.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	499.4	496.9	498.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	44.0	43.4	42.9	+ 1.4	+ 2.6
Meat Products	16.8	16.9	16.5	- 0.6	+ 1.8
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.6	2.8	- 3.8	- 10.7
Dairy Products	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 3.6	- 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.5	2.5	+ 4.0	+ 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.0	7.8	0	+ 2.6
Beverages	6.7	6.7	6.9	0	- 2.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.1	22.8	25.7	+ 1.3	- 10.1
Cigarettes	18.8	18.4	20.1	+ 2.2	- 6.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.6	3.7	4.7	- 2.7	- 23.4
Textile Mill Products	228.0	227.4	228.5	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	63.6	63.6	69.2	0	- 8.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.2	33.9	37.6	+ 0.9	- 9.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	29.1	29.5	32.1	- 1.4	- 9.3
Knitting Mills	81.6	81.1	74.4	+ 0.6	+ 9.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.2	23.9	21.2	+ 1.3	+ 14.2
Hosiery, NEC	23.1	22.7	22.0	+ 1.8	+ 5.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.3	15.3	14.9	0	+ 2.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.2	6.9	- 1.4	+ 2.9
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.7	14.5	14.4	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.1	55.2	57.0	- 0.2	- 3.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984
(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984 (thous.)	December 1983 (thous.)	January 1983 (thous.)	December 1983	January 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	88.1	87.8	86.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.7	27.3	27.7	+ 1.5	0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	42.0	41.9	41.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.3	21.8	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.7	6.5	0	+ 64.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.1	8.5	+ 2.8	- 14.1
Printing & Publishing	23.1	22.9	21.3	+ 0.9	+ 8.5
Newspapers	8.9	8.7	8.5	+ 2.3	+ 4.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.9	37.9	39.0	0	- 2.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.8	13.8	15.9	0	- 13.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	27.5	27.0	26.6	+ 1.9	+ 3.4
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.4	5.9	+ 1.9	- 6.8
NONMANUFACTURING	1,655.7	1,647.3	1,557.3	+ 0.5	+ 6.3
MINING	4.3	4.4	4.6	- 2.3	- 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	121.0	119.1	106.4	+ 1.6	+ 13.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	121.5	121.3	116.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	61.2	61.2	56.3	0	+ 8.7
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.1	55.2	54.6	- 0.2	+ 0.9
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	523.0	515.9	479.8	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Wholesale Trade	121.9	121.7	126.6	+ 0.2	- 3.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	71.7	71.6	73.2	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	50.2	50.1	53.4	+ 0.2	- 6.0
Retail Trade	401.1	394.2	353.2	+ 1.8	+ 13.6
General Merchandise Stores	54.9	54.6	53.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Variety Stores	12.9	11.9	12.6	+ 8.4	+ 2.4
Food Stores	65.1	65.1	57.5	0	+ 13.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	103.1	102.2	97.9	+ 0.9	+ 5.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	370.3	370.3	355.1	0	+ 4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.2	22.0	19.8	+ 0.9	+ 12.1
Personal Services	23.7	23.4	23.8	+ 1.3	- 0.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	9.9	10.0	+ 2.0	+ 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	412.5	414.1	396.8	- 0.4	+ 4.0
Federal	50.8	50.9	48.5	- 0.2	+ 4.7
State	120.3	121.6	116.2	- 1.1	+ 3.5
Education	61.8	63.0	57.8	- 1.9	+ 6.9
Other	58.5	58.6	58.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	241.4	241.6	232.1	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Education	130.2	130.2	129.5	0	+ 0.5
Other	111.2	111.4	102.6	- 0.2	+ 8.4

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1984	December 1983	January 1983	December 1983	January 1983
MANUFACTURING	647.7	649.2	611.6	- 0.2	+ 5.9
DURABLE GOODS	236.9	237.5	217.0	- 0.3	+ 9.2
Lumber & Wood Products	29.9	30.3	27.8	- 1.3	+ 7.6
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.5	6.7	0	+ 11.9
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.1	3.3	2.6	- 6.1	+ 19.2
Furniture & Fixtures	73.6	73.6	68.8	0	+ 7.0
Household Furniture	66.4	66.5	62.2	- 0.2	+ 6.8
Wood Household Furniture	34.5	34.6	32.8	- 0.3	+ 5.2
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.5	14.7	12.1	- 1.4	+ 19.8
Structural Clay Products	1.8	1.9	1.3	- 5.3	+ 38.5
Primary Metal Industries	7.1	7.2	6.1	- 1.4	+ 16.4
Fabricated Metal Products	17.9	17.9	17.2	0	+ 4.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.9	26.9	26.2	0	+ 2.7
Special Industry Machinery	5.2	5.4	4.6	- 3.7	+ 13.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	40.7	40.8	35.3	- 0.2	+ 15.3
Household Appliances	4.8	5.1	3.3	- 5.9	+ 45.5
Transportation Equipment	15.0	14.9	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 18.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	410.8	411.7	394.6	- 0.2	+ 4.1
Food & Kindred Products	29.3	29.7	28.7	- 1.3	+ 2.1
Meat Products	14.7	14.9	14.2	- 1.3	+ 3.5
Meat Packing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 5.6
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.4	2.6	2.5	- 7.7	- 4.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.1	18.5	20.5	- 2.2	- 11.7
Cigarettes	14.9	14.8	16.0	+ 0.7	- 6.9
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	3.2	3.8	- 18.8	- 31.6
Textile Mill Products	203.2	203.5	192.8	- 0.1	+ 5.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	58.0	58.0	56.0	0	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.4	31.2	30.3	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.4	26.6	25.5	- 0.8	+ 3.5
Knitting Mills	71.2	71.4	65.3	- 0.3	+ 9.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.4	21.2	18.8	+ 0.9	+ 13.8
Hosiery, NEC	20.7	20.6	19.4	+ 0.5	+ 6.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	12.9	13.1	12.2	- 1.5	+ 5.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.1	6.2	5.2	- 1.6	+ 17.3
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.2	12.1	11.5	+ 0.8	+ 6.1
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.8	50.9	49.4	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.1	77.1	73.5	0	+ 4.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	25.0	24.7	24.4	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.7	35.8	33.7	- 0.3	+ 5.9
Paper & Allied Products	17.1	17.1	16.8	0	+ 1.8
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.9	7.9	8.0	0	- 1.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.2	0	+ 7.7
Printing & Publishing	14.2	14.2	13.8	0	+ 2.9
Newspapers	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 6.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.1	25.1	24.1	0	+ 4.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.9	9.9	9.5	0	+ 4.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	22.0	21.8	19.6	+ 0.9	+ 12.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 2.1

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

January, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	January 1984	December 1983	January 1983	January 1984	December 1983	January 1983	January 1984	December 1983	January 1983
MANUFACTURING	$272.84	$279.35	$252.01	39.6	40.9	38.3	$ 6.89	$ 6.83	$ 6.58
DURABLE GOODS	285.42	298.20	258.14	40.2	42.0	38.3	7.10	7.10	6.74
Lumber & Wood Products	229.82	240.86	216.84	39.9	41.6	39.0	5.76	5.79	5.56
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	233.04	239.67	212.08	41.1	41.9	38.7	5.67	5.72	5.48
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	236.11	262.01	231.41	37.3	39.4	36.5	6.33	6.65	6.34
Furniture & Fixtures	233.17	248.88	207.50	38.1	40.6	35.9	6.12	6.13	5.78
Household Furniture	231.19	248.47	207.00	37.9	40.6	36.0	6.10	6.12	5.75
Wood Household Furniture	229.13	241.26	202.95	39.1	41.1	36.9	5.86	5.87	5.50
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	314.00	316.17	290.70	41.1	42.1	40.6	7.64	7.51	7.16
Structural Clay Products	246.97	247.94	232.31	41.3	41.6	40.9	5.98	5.96	5.68
Primary Metal Industries	350.32	364.69	308.56	43.9	45.7	40.6	7.98	7.98	7.60
Fabricated Metal Products	313.18	318.93	291.06	41.1	41.8	39.6	7.62	7.63	7.35
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	325.92	357.50	306.15	41.1	44.3	39.1	7.93	8.07	7.83
Special Industry Machinery	303.37	316.63	273.78	41.5	42.5	39.0	7.31	7.45	7.02
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	350.70	351.09	305.35	42.0	42.3	39.4	8.35	8.30	7.75
Household Appliances	236.06	244.84	238.40	37.0	39.3	39.8	6.38	6.23	5.99
Transportation Equipment	324.12	337.55	303.28	41.5	43.0	40.6	7.81	7.85	7.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	265.38	268.80	248.57	39.2	40.3	38.3	6.77	6.67	6.49
Food & Kindred Products	231.73	254.47	230.18	36.9	40.2	38.3	6.28	6.33	6.01
Meat Products	185.35	204.54	196.79	33.7	37.6	37.2	5.50	5.44	5.29
Meat Packing	333.90	380.38	359.90	42.0	45.5	45.1	7.95	8.36	7.98
Dairy Products	249.49	263.08	258.22	40.7	42.5	42.4	6.13	6.19	6.09
Grain Mill Products	302.60	305.33	274.77	44.5	45.1	43.0	6.80	6.77	6.39
Bakery Products	261.49	276.55	241.25	39.5	41.4	38.6	6.62	6.68	6.25
Beverages	397.79	481.68	384.47	40.1	45.7	41.7	9.92	10.54	9.22
Tobacco Manufacturers	422.90	419.60	394.21	36.3	37.7	36.4	11.65	11.13	10.83
Cigarettes	473.11	474.13	448.72	37.4	37.9	36.6	12.64	12.57	12.26
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	149.87	182.29	165.90	29.1	36.9	36.6	5.15	4.94	4.66
Textile Mill Products	250.22	249.08	229.08	40.1	40.7	38.5	6.24	6.12	5.95
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	276.98	270.66	252.20	40.2	40.7	38.8	6.89	6.65	6.50
Weaving Mills, Cotton	262.89	262.94	250.10	38.1	39.6	38.3	6.90	6.64	6.53
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	293.09	280.61	254.92	42.6	42.1	31.4	6.88	6.67	6.47
Knitting Mills	217.46	221.13	212.60	38.3	39.0	38.1	5.73	5.67	5.58
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	206.05	217.06	203.52	38.3	39.9	38.4	5.38	5.44	5.30
Hosiery, NEC	197.62	192.77	198.56	35.8	35.5	36.3	5.52	5.43	5.47
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	258.62	261.88	246.43	40.6	41.9	40.2	6.37	6.25	6.13
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	288.86	278.40	252.55	43.9	43.5	40.8	6.58	6.40	6.19
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	270.45	276.92	243.20	41.8	43.0	39.1	6.47	6.44	6.22
Yarn & Thread Mills	252.51	247.28	220.02	41.6	41.7	38.6	6.07	5.93	5.70
Apparel & Other Textile Products	180.91	184.84	176.66	36.4	37.8	36.5	4.97	4.89	4.84
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	182.73	182.14	176.72	35.9	36.5	35.7	5.09	4.99	4.95
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	172.79	176.53	168.69	36.3	37.4	36.2	4.76	4.72	4.66
Paper & Allied Products	454.74	470.64	423.69	42.9	44.4	42.2	10.60	10.60	10.04
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	560.46	564.32	507.07	44.2	44.4	43.6	12.68	12.71	11.63
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	328.54	345.47	296.73	43.4	45.1	41.5	7.57	7.66	7.15
Printing & Publishing	285.37	289.38	275.80	38.1	39.0	38.2	7.49	7.42	7.22
Newspapers	262.28	272.03	253.75	33.2	35.1	33.3	7.90	7.75	7.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	362.92	361.56	355.56	41.1	40.9	41.2	8.83	8.84	8.63
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	408.53	412.44	403.22	41.9	42.0	42.4	9.75	9.82	9.51
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	356.14	368.76	315.87	42.6	43.9	38.9	8.36	8.40	8.12
MINING	281.34	294.74	267.63	37.0	40.1	39.3	7.62	7.35	6.81
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	451.11	422.65	408.22	41.5	41.1	40.7	10.87	10.77	10.03
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	184.58	192.66	183.64	32.1	33.8	33.1	5.75	5.70	5.85
Wholesale Trade	279.30	284.72	264.02	38.9	39.6	38.6	7.18	7.19	6.84
Retail Trade	159.08	168.41	161.57	30.3	32.2	30.6	5.25	5.23	5.28
General Merchandise Stores	134.00	165.47	139.20	27.8	33.7	29.0	4.82	4.91	4.80
Variety Stores	112.28	121.51	104.69	28.0	33.2	29.0	4.01	3.66	3.61
Food Stores	186.83	133.97	186.40	31.2	33.5	31.7	5.99	5.79	5.88
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	114.37	120.28	113.00	26.8	28.3	28.2	4.29	4.25	4.22
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	169.48	172.69	164.35	34.1	35.1	34.6	4.97	4.92	4.75

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